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## LAST SHOW OF SEASON APRIL 4

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### FINE ARRAY OF CHICAGO TALENT BOOKED FOR PERFORMANCE - - SURE TO PLEASE ALL.

The next and the last vaudeville show for this season will be at the gymnasium on the evening of April 4—and then comes the outdoor season of tennis, badminton, baseball, picnics, etc. at the Lodge. The hours for the vaudeville will be the same as in the past— 7:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. The committee is figuring on an extra fine program—one of the highest priced yet offered but that doesn't mean any extra expense to you. It means you'll get more entertainment for your money. The purpose of the committee is to close the season with an attractive program which will leave you with pleasant memories until the fall season opens. Photographs have not yet been received and therefore we can't show pictures in this issue. This calls for the suggestion that you give special attention to the bulletin boards and photographs of the artists when shown in the factory and cafeteria. Get your mind on the date and plan your engagements for this show—April 4—so that you can attend. We can assure you that it will be worth the effort and that you will have an evening of real enjoyment.

Joe Coffey, head of the Chicago booking agency, understands that this is to be the closing show of the season and he is making an extra effort to give us the best artists possible for the occasion. In fact, Mr. Coffey has done this throughout our connection with his agency, and it is through his personal cooperation that we have been able to secure the fine artists we have been able to bring to Decatur.

This class of performers are not always

anxious to leave Chicago for a "one night stand," and it is gratifying to know that they have always returned home pleased with Decatur, our company, the reception given them by the audience, and the committee and the nice arrangements made for their comfort and convenience.

#### Outline of Program

Since the above was written we have in receipt of a letter from Mr. Coffey, who says:

"You can have LITTLE JOHNNY JONES for master of ceremonies and magician, and there is no one in the business, in my estimation, who excels him in any way. RAY CONLIN is also O.K. and will be with us as the Ventriloquist Extraordinary. CRYSTAL COOK, our tap dancer and soubrette, and other novelty numbers will be with us, also. THE THREE FLASHES, with whom you will be well satisfied, will also be on the job. And I have arranged for PA AND MA QUACKENBUSH COMEDY NOVELTY ENTERTAINERS, who are considered second to none in their work. This will make a wonderful program, and with the eight stars I am certain you will witness the best show we have ever had. With myself, who I know you want on the job, will make our party nine in all."

Let's make this the biggest and best show from any angle.

KEEP THE DATE — APRIL 4 — IN MIND — AND WATCH THE BULLETIN AND BILL BOARDS FOR DETAILS.

LET'S GET TOGETHER and MAKE THIS the BIGGEST SHOW of the YEAR.

## NOT ALL PROFIT

### It Costs Money to Keep A Factory Up to Date

Following is a report by Engineer Chaney on some notable costly improvements that have just been completed. It is an expense that goes on constantly to keep the company abreast of the times, and to provide cleaner, healthier, and more convenient working conditions. It is well that all of us recognize this fact. It disabuses us of the idea that all money received above the regular daily fixed charges goes into the profit column. The phrase "it is not the original cost but the upkeep," is a joking remark, but a tremendous truth in a financial sense.

#### At Plant 2

A rearrangement just completed in the Plant 2 Iron Foundry cleaning room involved the moving of the two large rattlers and the installation of a new 24" rattler complete with dust proof motor and drive. In this move the former dust arrester and fan was replaced by a modern Sfy flat bag dust filter arrester complete with attached fan, dust proof motor and drive and a motor operated shaking device. With this collector system a more efficient duct system was installed and from present appearances this room will now be far more comfortable to work in. Other changes were taken advantage of in this move which follow along the line of better and increased production, convenience and safety. A few of these items include strong modern machine guards, jib crane arrangement on trolleys to lift the rattler doors and yet not interfere with the span crane which now covers all three rattlers, new cable reel for the electric hoist on the span crane, etc., but our major improvement here has been in the bettering of working conditions in the department, by practically complete control of the dust problem.

The heat treat department recently enjoyed the opening of their new forced draft system over their oil quenching tanks. This will, no doubt, improve working conditions in this department and surrounding areas, as the fumes arising from this quenching operation is now practically under control.

#### New Lights

The main office and the 2nd floor office will shortly have the pleasure of working under a complete new fluorescent lighting system which everybody has been hearing so much of lately. These systems after installation will run approximately \$4,000.00 in cost, and the system is designed to give a general lumen reading of 30-35 foot candles which is excellent lighting for general office work and rarely obtained in industrial plants except for special locations. We, no doubt, will hear numblings from the Engineering Department after the two initial systems have been installed and tested.

#### Thousands of Tote Boxes

The maintenance and some production de-

partments have been working all winter in building and making 25 new 4 caster skids and 3000 tote boxes at a cost of \$750.00 and \$3000.00 respectively. Now they have a summer ahead of them for 50 more skids and another 3000 tote boxes, for which the material has just been received. In the design of the new skids the attempt has been made to obtain the best free rolling caster money can buy and from the comments on the skids now in use this attempt has been successful.

#### Other Items

Recent equipment additions for the plant includes: a Doall contour machine for the tool room at price of \$1400.00; new Yale gas electric lift truck \$3600.00; baking oven for plumbing division; 4 molding machines, \$1400.00; 4 core blowing machines \$1500.00; a magna-flux testing machine for engineering department \$1500.00; 2 new shiney dump trucks for the garage \$4066.00; Hayes high speed furnace for the heat treating department \$3250.00; Pot furnace for heat treating department \$700.00; No. 20 chaser grinder for grinding room \$512.00; Excellor tool grinder for grinding room \$300.00; propeller fan for exhaust in Plant 2 galvanizing room \$350.00; a Rockford engine lathe for tool room \$3200.00, and a 24" precision tool room drill press \$3000.00.

Many other machines being on order, but receipt not being made, will not be mentioned at this time.

## WANTED TO BUILD AIRPLANE

Recently the Review carried a "50 Years Ago Today" note to this effect:

"W. H. Newton of Macon is in Decatur to form a stock company for the manufacture of an airship, he says he has invented. He has invented a dehorning tool and combination drill and plow, and is certain his airship will be just as successful."

Adolph Mueller distinctly remembers W. H. Newton and the visit to Decatur referred to. Newton was small in stature and had a high pitched voice, which could be heard above all other vocal competition, especially when expressing the principles of his inventions and their feasibility. H. Mueller listened to him patiently, but made a positive statement that it was only a question of the weight of the machine and the power necessary to lift it, which the developments of fifty years has proved. Mr. Mueller, in addition, pointed out that the weight must be reduced and the power increased, and when it became possible to raise the weight, the next step would be to solve the mechanism. Mr. Mueller, at that time, was a firm believer that these problems would be solved and the airplane would be a reality. Had he lived he would undoubtedly been interested in the development of this new method of transportation, because mechanical problems always claimed his interest, attention, and study.

BETTER THAN NEWSPAPERS

Brought About A Sale After the Daily Papers Failed

The popularity of this page grows, and with this, its effectiveness increases. Our readers are learning that it is a place to find bargains, and also that advertisers are learning that it is an excellent medium for making sales.

Take the experience of Harley Himstead as an example. In the February issue he advertised a special mattress for one of Adolph Mueller's baby cribs, a nursery chair, and a dark blue folding baby buggy. The Record was hardly in circulation when Harley had customers calling, and within a few hours had to pass to callers "all sold." And Harley and Mrs. Himstead are sold on the Record Bargain Column page as an advertising medium.

Then Theodore Schuman, Dept. 9, gives us the prize winning success of his advertisement for the sale of a genuine Plymouth Hot Water Heater. Before trying out the Record Bargain Column he advertised the heater in the Herald and Review columns without so much as getting a nibble, but at considerable cost. His advertisement appeared twice in the Record and didn't cost Theodore a penny, but it sold the heater for him.

THE FEBRUARY AWARDS

There Were Nineteen Winners During the Month of February

The following have been awarded \$2.50 for each suggestion during the month of February under the new plan mentioned in the last Mueller Record. The list follows:

G. J. Yonker	1	\$2.50
Henry Gilbert	1	2.50
R. W. Lusk	1	2.50
Gladys Masterson	1	2.50
Chester Priddy	1	2.50
Stanley Shannon	1	2.50
Robert Hutchens	1	2.50
Carl F. Yonker	1	2.50
Fred Meador	1	2.50
L. Roe	1	2.50
Wm. H. Bradley	1	2.50
Matt Like	1	2.50
Russell Short	2	5.00
Howard Hartwig	1	2.50
E. F. Musgraves	1	2.50
Jas. T. McKown	1	2.50
R. W. Workman	1	2.50
Jerome Edwards	1	2.50
Karl Blankenburg	2	5.00

Accidents don't happen—they are committed. That is why they can be stopped. The price is the expenditure of a little energy, but the rewards are enormous.—Home Safety.

NEWLY WEDS



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barnett, who were married January 25. Mrs. Barnett was the former Edith Bauer, daughter of Arthur Bauer of Plant 2. Richard works in the Brass Foundry.

BRASS CHIPS

Mumps have struck in Department 8 again. Kennes Karnes returned March 3 after a seige which began February 6, and Gilbert Ball became a victim on February 25. Glenn Pruitt of the same department has been ill with the measles.

Ted McKown, Maintenance Department, has been off with the flu.

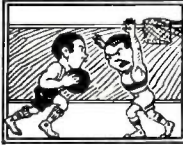
Gladys Lloyd, Core Department, entered the hospital on March 11 for an operation.

Lucille Zerfowski, Core Department, sprained her ankle while skating on the evening of March 9, and lost a few days work.

YOU MIGHT TRY IT

Comptroller Otto Keil sends us the following clipping with the comment: "This plan looks about as sensible as the \$30. every Thursday scheme."

"You get paid Tuesday, the plan is, and cash your check. Next week, you get your check Tuesday, but you don't cash it till Wednesday. And the following week you cash it Thursday. Finally, at the end of seven weeks, you get your check on Tuesday as usual. But you find that you still have last Tuesday's check in your pocket. Simple, isn't it?"



# Athletics



## U. of I. Athletic Exhibition

Monday evening, March 3, a group of athletes from the University of Illinois gave a very entertaining program in the Mueller gym. The program this year was much better than last. Badminton, fencing and hand balancing were demonstrated by boys who are experts in these sports.

One of the boys who did hand balancing and also performed on the side horse, was the National A. A. U. champion last year and also the Big Ten Conference champion in the side horse.

Four of the boys performed on the parallel bars and gave a show such as rarely seen in this vicinity. At the completion of their act all four did a hand stand at the same time on the parallel bars.

Quite a little humor was added in one of the acts, supposed to be a perch pole act. The perch pole was too high for the ceiling of the gym, and the boy on top of the pole got tangled up in the beams and the sprinkler system, and consequently could not perform as well as usual.

An exhibition of fencing was shown for the first time in the Mueller gym. The fencing instructor and three of his students gave a very good show. To put a little fun into the act, three of the boys tied balloons on different parts of their bodies. All three then went to the center of the floor and started bursting the balloons on each other.

Joe Florio and Chuck Kavacic gave an exhibition of Badminton play just as they did last year.

Merlin Coates and Loyle Davis played the doubles match with them, with Florio and Davis coming out on top.

## BOWLING

Quite a little excitement was stirred up this week in the bowling league with Frank Kushmer of the Plumbers' team doing the stirring. Frank started out on a game with ten strikes in a row, then had to come up with a miss on his 11th frame and ended the game with 288, which is not a bad game in any bowling league.

The Pattern Shop is still on top with 48 won and 33 lost, making a percentage of .593. The Works Managers Office is in second place with 44 won and 37 lost, just four games behind the leaders. The Specialty Division is only one game behind the second place team with 43 won and 38 lost. In all of the eight teams there are only 13 games separating the leaders from the last place team, so with eight weeks of bowling left it is impossible at this time to say

who will be the winner. Below is the team standing and averages to date:

Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Pattern Shop .....	81	48	33	.593
Works Mgr. Office....	81	44	37	.543
Specialty Division ....	81	43	38	.531
Utility Engineers .....	81	40	41	.494
Plumbers .....	81	39	42	.481
Finishers .....	81	38	43	.469
Machine Shop .....	81	37	44	.457
Cost Dept. ....	81	35	46	.432

## Ten High Bowlers

Player and Team—	G.	Av.	H.G.
C. Dodwell, Cost Dept....	72	190	241
K. Blankenburg, Mach. Shop	78	184	239
E. Blankenburg, Util. Eng.	71	184	246
W. Behrns, Works Mgr....	75	182	234
A. Werdes, Cost Dept....	51	181	240
J. Bain, Pattern Shop.....	77	179	254
R. Hill, Specialty Div. ....	77	177	227
H. Stratman, Machine Shop	75	177	223
E. Hartwig, Machine Shop.	78	177	230
L. Adams, Finishers .....	72	176	234
A. Thompson, Plumbers ..	78	176	248
M. Riewski, Finishers .....	72	176	232

## BASKETBALL

The Mueller All Stars have entered the Y.M.C.A. invitational basketball tournament. They drew for their first opponent in the tournament a team called the Black Cats, which have played since last December representing the James Millikin University. We'd like very much to see our boys come through with a win over this team.

## Mules

Driver Al Hill of the Mueller Mules is beginning to have a little trouble caused by the balking of his team. One of them left town, another is working a lot of overtime, and another has been having trouble with his eyes, but Ole Mule Skinner Hill says he still will have a full team there for every scheduled game if he has to run in a few ponies.

## Rockin' Chair League

It took the Mueller team a long time to get started, but they finished the season with a bang. They played Oakes Products in the final game and beat them 52-25. Now the boys are all pepped up and they think they can win the tournament to be held for all teams in the Rockin' Chair League.

Ball players try to reach home in safety—that is a good thing for all of us to do.

Be good to your feet. Safety shoes are a valuable aid.

Some people are always getting hurt. Why? Thoughtlessness and carelessness.

## CORE ROOM NEWS

**Sorority Organized**

The Theta Alpha Delta Sorority met March 5 for the first time in the home of Dorothea Toole with nine present.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dorothea Toole; Vice-President, Betty Enloe; Secretary, Alice Hudson; Treasurer, Clara Landers.

Names for mystery pals were drawn for the coming year.

Bunco was played and prizes awarded to Alice Hudson, Katherine Bartlett, and Dorothy Chamberlain.

Refreshments were suggestive of St. Patrick's Day.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Behrns and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. March attended a hockey game in St. Louis on Friday evening, February 14.

**Bridal Showers**

Mrs. Walter Salefski, the former Erla Collins, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on the evening of January 29, at the home of Mrs. Charles Pryor, 1363 E. Division street. Mrs. Pryor is a sister of the hostess, Mrs. Guy Landers, who was Clara Salefski before her recent marriage.

The guests spent the evening playing Bingo, and prizes were won by Margaret Behrends and Pauline Wright. As a surprise feature, Clara's brother showed moving pictures he had taken at Clara's wedding.



On the evening of February 26 the core room girls attended a triple shower at the Mueller Lodge for three of the most recent brides in that department. The girls honored were Mrs. Victor Walter, nee Helen Marsh; Mrs. Edward H. Drew, nee Emma Jean Pritchett; and Mrs. James R. Dowd, nee Edwina May. Hostesses were Thelma Ater, Helen Causey, and Ellen Parker.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of Bunco with first prize going to Ruby White and consolation prize to Pauline Wright, a fortune punch board which caused a great deal of merriment, and dancing to the radio. Ice cream and cake were served. Twenty-six were present.

**CAN IT BE TRUE?**

A certain young man in the Main Office has been quoted as saying he felt just like a "bird in a gilded cage" as he drove about town in his new shiny Buick. Wonder how the bird felt when he was handed a ticket for speeding which cost him \$8.40? Also, that cigar he "smokes" is rubber—part of the standard equipment of the new Buicks to make their owners look like "big shots."

Safety always. Look ahead, plan ahead, keep your head, and you'll always be ahead.

## WEDDINGS

**Aukamp-Bafford**

Dorothy Aukamp of the Core Department and Hallie Bafford were married February 14 at 6:30 P. M. in St. Paul's Lutheran church. They were attended by Helen Aukamp and Jean Bafford. The bride wore blue alpaca and carried pink carnations, while her sister wore navy blue with pink accessories.

Following the ceremony there was a reception and dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Aukamp, Macon, the parents of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Bafford are living at 149 W. Eldorado. Mr. Bafford is employed at the Osgood Co.

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**Marsh-Walters**

Helen Marsh and Victor Walters were married February 16 by Rev. F. E. Blimline of Argenta, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsh of Argenta. Mrs. Walters wore blue crepe with white gardenias and pink sweet peas and carried a white Bible. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Landers. Supper was served following the ceremony for thirty guests. The bride is employed in the core department. They are living at 738 West William street.

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**Randolph-Fleckenstein**

Mrs. Maude Randolph and Mike Fleckenstein of the Polishing Department were married February 22 in the St. James Rectory.

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**Abbott-Coffman**

Iris Abbott, daughter of Mrs. Lelah Abbott of Blue Mound and Eldo Coffman, Dept. 8, were married January 11 in University City by Judge Bernard V. Beckman.

The couple are living at Blue Mound.

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**Sylvester-Maddox**

Iowa Sylvester and Roscoe C. Maddox were married March 1 in Clayton, Missouri, by Rev. T. L. Lewis of the Baptist church.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sylvester, Sr. of Normal, wore dusty rose with navy accessories and carried white and rose colored carnations with American Beauty roses.

Roscoe works in the Polishing Department and is the brother of Hubert, who works in Dept. 9, and Huber, who works in the Shipping Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddox will soon occupy a new home in the Lake Shore addition.

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**Brownback-Cain**

Miss Mary Jane Brownback, daughter of Mrs. Mueller Brownback and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mueller, and Harold Driscoll Cain of Herring, N.Y. were married Saturday, February 22, in

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# LOS ANGELES NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Killie, January 11, a daughter, Barbara Ann.

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George Leach and his family are now well situated in their new home, and anyone coming to Huntington Park to see George should bring along his shovel, as George says there is plenty to do.

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## Joe Baxendale

The entire factory and office was shocked when told of the sudden death of Joe Baxendale.

Joe started to work for the company in June 1935 in the Assembly Department and in one and one-half years was made foreman. He proved to be a good foreman, and remained in that capacity until recently when Russ Jolly was transferred to New York. He then took over the Shipping Department and held that position until his death February 9.

He was taken ill Saturday, Jan. 24, and it was thought that he had contracted influenza. The physician in charge regarded his condition serious and he was removed to the hospital. While in the hospital his condition seemed to be improving but pneumonia developed as the result of a streptococcus infection. Two blood transfusions were given him but to no avail.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, February 12, from Turner-Stevens-Eggleston Chapel in South Pasadena with interment in the Mountain View Cemetery located in the Foothills of Pasadena. He had as pall-bearers all the men on the Assemblers of the Mueller Bowling League with whom Joe bowled.

Joe, who died a young man, had made many friends and this was due to his prevailing English humor. He was energetic and a conscientious worker, and was liked by all who knew him. The Assembly De-

partment, in honor of a fine foreman, did not work the afternoon of his funeral.

He is survived by his wife Edith and baby, Suzanne, and his mother and two brothers.

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Bert Dobbins and family are now enjoying their recent purchase in El Monte.

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The first fishing trip of the year is now history. This was a fishing trip where very little or no fishing was done. It seems that no beds were slept in and nothing was eaten. Glen Blize says he spent \$1.50 for a bed he never slept in, \$45 for a meal he didn't eat, \$.50 for fishing privileges on Lake Henshaw and \$2.00 for a fishing license that were not used, and yet had a good time on the fishing trip. It seems as though half the boys were suckers and they didn't come from Illinois. The only fishing the boys did was when they fished for the other man's dough.

The mouse in the shipping room certainly helped Beth the other day while she was playing ping-pong. She played the champ at fifteen cents a game and took him for forty-five cents.

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Cec Foltz reports going up to see the snow. This year the snow is down to the 4,000 ft. level and is very accessible. This is the first time Mr. and Mrs. Foltz have been in snow since leaving Decatur seven years ago. According to Cec it will be another seven years before he cares to see it again.

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The grapevine has it that our cafeteria man, Hughes, is certainly going strong for Christine Chilton, but according to actions it seems as though it is the other way around. Oh, yes, we know that it is just a matter of transportation, but when one turns down a ride to work in a new Hudson for a ride in an old jalopy it is past the transportation angle. We wonder now if Eldon is going to school in September or if he feels he is getting educated now.

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What's this about the ladies' man, Musmecci? It seems someone suggested a bell be tied around his neck so that he could be easily found.

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The story now is that Beth is really a Good Samaritan, or is it that she likes to see the boys look neat? In the future if you need a hair cut and don't have the necessary cash, Beth will help out, just as she did Chuck.

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The Decatur and Macon County Association of Southern California will hold

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its semi-annual picnic Sunday, March 23, 1941. The location has been changed and this picnic will be held in Bixby Park in the city of Long Beach. Each one is urged to attend—so come and meet a lot of old friends and make some new ones, also.

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Two new people in the office are Cyril Wolf, who is working in the Billing Department, and Ophelia Bors, who is helping in the general office work, including changing our cost records.

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L. W. Mueller visited us last week—the first time in over two years.

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Among those who have left us to serve their year in the army are Hebard Churchill, Scott Long, L. Fantuzzi, and Bud, from the house of Porter. Yep, you Decatur people, Bud Porter is in the army now, and so is Bob Green.

## WEDDINGS

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Sarasota, Florida.

Joseph Brownback of the Engineering Department, brother of the bride, flew to Sarasota for the wedding and to give away his sister.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cain attended Cornell University, and will live in White Plains, N.Y. where Mr. Cain is a doctor of veterinary surgery.

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### Shain-Hickman

Berdene Shain and Tex W. Hickman, both of the Core Department, were married February 8 in Moberly, Missouri. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ater.

Mr. and Mrs. Hickman are living at 1270 N. College Street.

## BRASS CHIPS

Spring will be with us officially March 21 and about a month from that time we will be frolicking around on the tennis courts and baseball diamond.

Jim Thorpe's friends are glad to see him back at his desk again.

The February show at the Club House was well attended and the general opinion expressed was that it was one of the best programs yet presented. Another show is anticipated and then the outdoor amusements and sports will claim attention.

There has been quite an increase in the cafeteria patronage, and the good service and good meals are worthy of this. If you have never eaten at the cafeteria give it a trial.

## FATHERS DAY BABY



We have here Philip, son of George Hunt of the Brass Foundry. He was born on Father's Day, June 16, 1940, and now tips the scales at 24 pounds. He also boasts three teeth. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller of Maroa and of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Hunt of Decatur.

## LINCOLN

By A. G. WEBBER, Sr.

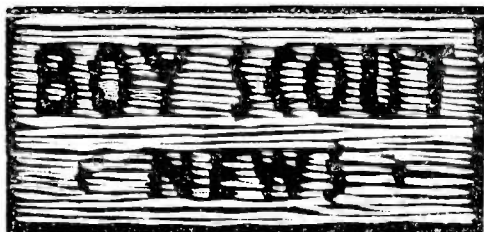
(Continued from last month.)

One evening, at the Macon House in Decatur, the eighth circuit lawyers were having a social hour with the Newhall family and they urged Lincoln to sing, saying that he had a reputation as a singer. He started upstairs and Lois Newhall sitting at a melodeon, said to him: "If you have a song that I know, I will be glad to play the accompaniment." He laughed and said: "I will repeat for your benefit a few stanzas of a poem of which I am particularly fond, entitled, 'Oh, why should the Spirit of mortal man be proud.'"

At the State Republican convention, held in Decatur, John Hanks brought two fence rails with flags and streamers tied to them with the inscription: "Abraham Lincoln, the rail candidate for President in 1860." Lincoln was asked if he had made these rails, and whether he could identify his work. He replied "Well boys I can only say that I split a good many better looking ones."

When the train from Springfield to Washington came through Decatur, people on foot and in wagons came in great number to see the train pass. Lincoln saluted them, saying: "I am leaving you on an errand of National importance attended, as you are aware, with considerable difficulties. Let us believe, as some poet has expressed it, 'Behind the clouds, the sun is still shining' I bid you an affectionate farewell, good-

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Troop meetings of the Mueller Boy Scouts have been disrupted lately due to the fact that the Mid-West First Aid Meet District and Council finals were held in the gym. The Mobilization was held the following week (March 11) and for three nights straight we have been unable to have regular troop meetings. Things are back on schedule now and all are urged to come regularly.

The new Troop Flag has now arrived and it is a beauty. Will look pretty nice at the Annual Dinner.

Plans for the formation of the Sea Scout unit are moving slowly at present. Candidates must be fifteen years of age and first class Scouts. There are several who are old enough who have been lagging in advancement. Get busy, boys! The lake will soon be just right for a little sailing.

Our Committee is glad to know that Scoutmaster Jackson is recognized nationally. He recently wrote to "SCOUTING" magazine for Scout leaders, sending an article on how he organized Sea Scouting in a former troop. He also sent an outline of meeting programs. The February issue of the magazine carried four full pages by Mr. Jackson. Incidentally, we learn Mr. Jackson is also a member of the National Advisory Council and as such had a part in writing the Scoutmaster's Handbook and the new Boys' Handbook which is not yet off the press.

The troop is now in the process of re-registering. All Scouts who have not yet paid the fifty cent fee are urged to do so at once.

The big Annual Council Dinner held in the Armory each year is now scheduled for March 25th. All Scout parents are expected to attend. For details as to what to take, call Mrs. F. A. March or Mrs. Oris Whitacre. Let's have 100 per cent attendance this year and show our new Scoutmaster we are back of him all the way.

On February 15th the troop under Scoutmaster Jackson and H. L. Davis, chairman of the Troop Committee, went on a hike to the scout cabin at the Heights. The weather was just right for the trip. In the afternoon an exploration trip was held for the new fellows who had not been there before. Following this, special instruction in fire building was given by the Scoutmaster. He



taught the boys the various kinds and types of fires and then showed them the proper way to actually build one. Later, at supper time, they used this knowledge.

A game of "capture the flag" livened up the afternoon. After such strenuous exercise all were ready to eat. And these Scouts are pretty good cooks. There was not a single can of beans or a hot dog among the boys. Following the delightful meal some after dark games were enjoyed. Later all went into the cabin and by the light of a candle lantern they listened to a real Indian story of "The Greatest Race in History" told by the Scoutmaster. The troop did not stay overnight.

The FIRE TRAILERS CLAN was organized to promote regular attendance on the troop hikes. All present were made charter members. We may tell you more about this next month.

Jesse Bridwell, Jr., and George Bridwell, are the newest members to join Troop 2. Welcome Scouts!

## NEITHER HERE NOR THERE

(Further Ruminations from a Third Floor Window)

This old ruminator, for one, will be glad to have a glimpse of the elusive damsel, Miss Spring. In our present state of Winter-weariness and general puzzlement over life and the world, a glimpse of the young lady's smile or a brief look at her little 1941 model hat or wind-blown scarf would help. But, no doubt, the warm days, the bright flowers, the fruit-blossoms, the bird songs, like other good things, are worth waiting for. Sometimes, though, we have an idea that waiting is just another thing that we don't do very well.

On third floor we are feeling the effects of Uncle Sam's military training law. Harry "Sacky" Sackriter is scheduled to leave the 20th of this month to begin his twelve months' term with the United States Army. Al Hill is being instructed in the duties of Order Drummer in order to take over for "Sacky." The new messenger, who replaces Al, is Dean Craig.

A. C. Werdes and Frank Edmonson left March 4 for several days at the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga.

Dorothy Geplord, local "postmistress," has always been one of the most accommodating persons we know of, but lately she has been beating her own record. In proof of our assertion we cite the sponge incident. Dorothy, as you know, is very particular about keeping the sponges in the Mailing Dept. in condition by a daily washing. Her zeal has now extended to the rest of the office, and the other day she was discovered

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## DAVID AVIS AND NEW TRUCK



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vigorously scrubbing the sponge and its cup of Hazel Allen. Perhaps we shouldn't mention the rest of the story, that Dorothy, until she discovered she had in her department her full quota of sponges, was under the impression all the while that she was cleaning up her own property. Furthermore, Hazel didn't realize, either, that she was receiving a "free" washing job. And that would seem to make at least two new members of the Society for the Promotion of Absent-Mindedness.

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"Sacky" Sackriter was in Salem March 7 and 8 attending a wedding.

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Bob Tertocha almost didn't celebrate his Day-Before-Valentine-Day birthday, so far as Third Floor denizens were concerned. Some time after lunch, somebody, belatedly, remembered the day, and then, mysteriously, there was a telephone call for Bob. Bob was very reluctant to answer. At length he did pick up the receiver and pronounce a suspicious "hello," to be greeted with the strains of "Happy Birthday" by sing-a-gram.

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The Ice-Capades of 1941, ice show presented at the University of Illinois ice rink, Champaign, March 6, 7, and 8, proved very enjoyable to a number of Third-Floor-ites. Some of our friends attended the Friday night performances, and others, we hear, went over on Saturday night. All were enthusiastic about the skating, comedy, lighting—in fact, the whole program of events.

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Congratulations to Mary Ruth Harrison on her March 10 birthday.

Good habits are a direct influence on good health.

David Avis and one of the new two-ton G.M.C. trucks. The company recently replaced two of their old trucks with two of these cab-over-engine type dump trucks equipped with double acting hydraulic hoists.

Dave has been driving a truck for the company since 1923. He is married, owns his own home, and has one son, Duane Scott, age 9.

The other new truck is being driven by Wade Rambo.

### MAY HAVE BEEN STUTTERING

Willie Rohman gave us the following, which was submitted to the class by the English teacher. Can you make sense of it?

John, where James had had "had," had had "had had"; "had had" had had a better effect upon the teacher. The easiest solution is the guess that some one was stuttering.

We thank Willie for his thoughtfulness, and ask him to put the following "in his pipe and smoke it out," as a fit running mate to this "had had" sentence:

Old Darkey (to shiftless son): "I hearn tell you is married. Is you?"

Son (ingratiatingly): "I ain't sayin' I ain't."

Old Darkey (severely): "I ain't ask you is you ain't, I ask you ain't you is."

### OLD GOAT LIZZIE HAS QUADS, AND THEN QUINTS

Lizzie—the old goat—has done it again. The 11-year-old Lizzie's latest accomplishment is quintuplets.

The pride of Norris Stauffer's goat farm, of Wichita, Kan., goat farm, Lizzie has had quadruplets twice in the last two years. Then she capped that by bearing five kids. Goats seldom have more than two.

The kids are bottle babies, taking warmed milk from nipped topped beer bottles.

## ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## Four Young Men Left for Camp Forest, Tenn., for Year's Training

Five boys, four of whom have been on steady jobs with the Mueller Co. and the



Lieut. Elmer Merrow

fifth employed during vacation time, left Decatur March 17 for Camp Forest, two miles from Tullahoma, Tennessee, for one year military training. They are members of the Decatur National Guard unit which has been inducted into federal service.

They are 1st Lieutenant Elmer J. Merrow, Sergeant Jack Ruthrauff, Sergeant Robert Workman, Private Robert Moore, and Private Edwin Lee Keil.

Elmer Merrow began working for the Mueller Co. in 1927 as messenger and at the time of his resignation was in the machine shop of the Ground Key Division. A congenial, pleasant chap, he made many friends in the organization. He joined the National Guards June 23, 1935, one month later was made a corporal, eight months later a sergeant, and in February 1937 he became a 1st Sergeant. In July 1937 he was advanced to Master Sergeant and December 18, 1940, was commissioned a First Lieutenant. Three years prior to joining the Guards, Elmer served in the Marine Corps Reserves under Captain Maxwell and spent two weeks each summer at the Great Lakes Training Station. He is married and has a five months old son, Charles Marvin.

Jack Ruthrauff, the youngest son of Preston Ruthrauff, Sr., has been in Department 8 since his graduation from the Decatur High School, June 1940. Before that he had worked during summer vacations in 1938 and 1939. He joined the National

Guards in May 1940 and is now a Sergeant in the 130th Infantry Band. He plays the saxophone.

Robert Moore has been with the company about three years, working in the brass foundry, the iron foundry, and in the core department. He also spent some time at the Chattanooga plant.

Robert Workman, who has been a member of the Guards for six and one-half years and has the rank of Sergeant, has been an employee of the company only since last November. He has been in the foundry, working as a helper. Before that he worked on a farm. He is a nephew of Jim Workman of the Brass Foundry.

Edwin Lee Keil, son of O. C. Keil, graduated from the Decatur High School in 1938, and has attended Millikin University since then. He left school at the end of the last term to volunteer for one year of military training, after which



Standing Back Row—Jack Ruthrauff, Edwin Keil, Robert Workman.

First Row—Robert Moore.

he expects to complete his schooling. Ed worked during the summer vacation of 1938, 1939, and 1940, first as assistant to Recreation Manager Loyle Davis, then in the Tool Room, and later in the Pattern Shop. He is a member of the 130th Infantry Band.

Camp Forest, now under construction, is seventy-five miles south of Nashville and will house 30,000 troops, including the 33rd division of the Illinois National Guard and

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units from Tennessee, Colorado, and Ohio.

The first draftees for selective service to be called are Harry Sackriter of the Order Department; Delmont Parks, Dept. 90; Ray Mounts, Dept. 300; and Chester Masterson of the Shipping Department. These boys will be inducted March 20.

Under resolution adopted by the Company on December 16, 1940, pertaining to military service of employees, the boys regularly employed by the company will have all premiums on group insurance paid during their twelve months of training.

Four boys from the Pacific Coast factory have been inducted, also. See the Los Angeles news.

### NEW CHICAGO SUBWAY

**Wm. Dannewitz Far Ahead of Most People Who Won't See It Until 1943.**

William Dannewitz, Dept. 30, and family made a trip to Chicago the latter part of January. They left the old bus at home and went in style on the Banner Blue. This was thoughtful on the part of the parents. The children had never enjoyed a train ride and it gave them the thrill of their lives.

While there Bill saw something which few persons have been permitted to see and will not see until about 1943 if everything goes well. This is the new subway from which everybody is excluded, including all workmen when not on duty. Through the influence of his brother, Paul Dannewitz, who is a Chicago city employee, Bill was enabled to make a trip of investigation.

To do this they went down a long flight of stairs at Lake and State streets. The top of the subway is 70 feet below the surface to the top of the tube, and the tube is 36 feet in diameter, from which we judge that when in use the people will be riding 100 feet down in the earth. The subway will be 22 miles long. It goes under the Chicago river and under many big buildings. When completed it will be reached by escalators. The diggers work in an air lock compartment where the pressure is 15 pounds. Before they go in there is a method of drawing the natural heat from the body. This is to prevent the workmen from getting the bends (a caisson disease) Once in the pressure begins at 4 pounds and is then run up to 10, when examinations are made to ascertain how the workers are standing it. If they are O.K. they are given the full 15 pounds and if they can stand that they go to work. This pressure is necessary to prevent seepage of water and cave ins. The ceilings are reinforced with heavy steel plates supported by very large eye beams with the ceiling further reinforced by concrete. The first estimate was placed at six million dollars but is now put at \$16,000,000. It is a gigantic undertaking but is expected to eliminate all surface street cars in Chicago and to be ready for use in 1943.

### MEET PHILLIP BECK BLANKENBURG



Phillip Beck, son of Eric Blankenburg, Dept. 44, is the boss out at Eric's new home. Phillip was born June 5, 1940. Eric is an expert machinist and works in the Engineering Department. He is also a first class bowler and captain of the Utility Engineers team. He has been with the company a total of 11 years.

The baby has two proud grandfathers also connected with the organization. Gottfried Blankenburg, who resigned December 1940 on account of ill health, had worked in the foundry for 37 years. John Gray, foreman of the Grinding Room, has been with the Company for 19 years. Photograph by Walter Bowan.

### BRACE UP

**Things May Not be as Bad as You Think**

In these days of trouble, worry, suspicion, uncertainty, war and what not, read the following. It may make you smile and—it may brace up your spine so you'll be better prepared to meet and combat the situation.

An aged man at the Union Station discussed the business situation. I said that things were mighty bad, and, somehow or other it made him mad. The aged man, he tapped my knee.

"D'ye know what's wrong with things?" said he. "I've been in fights," and the old boy glared, "and allus got whipped—when I got scared.

"Folks has forgot how to stand and grin when hard luck knocks 'em on the chin. There's too much groanin'—not enough laughs—too many crepe hangers, too; too many graphs. It sure doesn't help a sick man's heart to think of nothin' but his fever chart.

"There's too many experts tellin' how come the whole bloomin' world is on the

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## SARNIA

Several more of our boys have left for Divisions of the Canadian Active Service Force. Clair Cook, Dept. 7, Bud Dawes, Dept. 8, and Ed. Brown of Dept. 14 are in the Royal Canadian Navy and are stationed at Halifax, N. S. Bruce Barrett, Dept. 8, has joined the R. C. A. F. and is in Manning Depot Training School, Toronto. Others have been called up for training.

Sergeant Harold Coates, former manager of the Stationery Dept., is now "Somewhere in England" with the First Field Park Co., Royal Canadian Engineers. Harold writes that their Unit had a very good crossing but things have been quiet since. Also said he would give \$25.00 for a good Canadian date since the blackouts over there ruin all plans for the evening. (Imagine a blackout ruining a date.)

Will Young of the Brass Finishing Dept. was painfully injured when he slipped and fell on the icy pavement just outside the Brass Shop. Mr. Young suffered torn ligaments in his side and also internal injuries.

Bob Hughes and Russell Harper, Dept. 14, are both confined to their homes through illness.

In January Roy East passed away very suddenly. Mr. East had worked in the Foundry Division for ten years. He had been off work since October with a heart condition but seemed to be steadily improving and had expected to return to work very shortly. Mr. East was a good and kindly man and will be missed very much by all who knew him.

Mr. East's son George is now working in the Shipping Department.

Bill Harkins, formerly of the Shipping Dept. is now in the Purchasing Dept. Herb Jackson, former timekeeper in Dept. 14 is now in the Cost Dept. and Herb Callister of the Brass Finishing Dept. is looking after the time in Dept. 14.

The Bowling Leagues are still going strong but expect to wind up very shortly now. In the second half the Regulators are in the lead with the Pop-ups in second place.

The Mueller team in the Wednesday night Business Men's League is now leading by one point.

Someone told Mr. Parker last week that he looked like Jimmie Stewart so we expect him to go to Hollywood on us any day now.

Lyle Perry of the Forging Department is joining the ranks of the married some time in May. Congratulations, Lyle.

Jimmie Lowry, formerly of the Forging Department, now with the R. C. A. F. in St. Thomas called at the plant last Saturday, looking very smart in his new uniform.

## OLD GLORY FLIES ON HIGH



This beautiful photograph was taken by Walter Bowan of the Engineering Department, and the subject is a beautiful one, also. One cannot raise eyes to the flag without a thrill of loyalty and patriotism.

The following item of interest appeared in a recent issue of "The Windsor Daily Star." Mr. Kellow is a Mueller Customer and a friend of Mr. M. A. Schroder, salesman for Western Ontario.

Leamington, Dec. 20.—A. R. Kellow's tinsmithing shop is making a unique contribution to Canada's war effort by offering free metal containers to people who want to send cakes or other food overseas.

"We've made about 50 tin containers so far this year," Mr. Kellow said, "People soon find that tin boxes which contained candies and biscuits rapidly go out of circulation as soon as war starts. Necessary dimensions are provided and we make boxes free of charge. We did it in the last war too."

Political Speaker: I'm pleased to see this dense crowd here tonight.

Voice from the back: Don't be pleased. We ain't all dense.



# Safety News



Falling objects have put many men in the hospitals. When working overhead be careful how you handle tools and other objects.

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Famous last words: "I'll get those brakes fixed tomorrow."

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Running and jumping down stairs is dangerous to you and any one who may be going up or down.

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Thoughtfulness and orderliness contribute a good deal to safety.

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Practical jokes have little or no place in daily life at any time, much less in an office or factory.

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Did you read in the March outside Record the awful toll in human life and limb?—35,000 killed, 1,320,000 injured in 1940 in automobile accidents. What can you do to help remedy this situation? You can drive safely, sanely and cautiously, keep your mind on your driving, cut down your speed, especially on the crowded city streets. Can you give any good reason why you should drive thirty or forty miles on crowded city streets. Is there anything so important to you that you should endanger the lives of men, women and children, perhaps wreck your car and injure yourself. We of this organization can do much to lessen danger to others and ourselves, by slowing down at quitting time, especially at crossings and on Eldorado Street. Be safe instead of reckless. No one wants to injure or kill a person but there are a lot of drivers who act as if they did not care whether they did. Don't be that kind of a driver.

**Loose Sleeves** An operator in a heavy grading equipment plant sustained bruises and slight abrasions when the sleeve of his overalls caught in the drill. The operator was cleaning chips and shavings from around the piece being drilled after positioning the part for drilling the other side. Contrary to instructions the drill had been left running and his overall sleeve caught in the drill, pulling the operator between and behind the spindles, tearing all the clothes from his body. Incidentally the operator had left his overall sleeve unbuttoned.

**Precautions for Safe Working In the Plant** Every year the lives of scores of workmen in manufacturing plants are claimed in accidents which, in many cases, are caused by the entanglement of clothing in the machinery. Whatever the mechanic's job, he should be taught to conform to certain rules regarding the clothing he wears in the plant.

—Modern Machine Shop.

## I DIDN'T THINK—I DIDN'T SEE I DIDN'T KNOW

### Causes of More Accidents Than All the Other Reasons Combined

If we don't think we may walk straight into danger before we realize where we are. That seems to be the most common reason of all.

"I didn't see" may be caused by different circumstances. Perhaps the injured person was not in a position where he could see, but before he proceeded he should have waited until it was possible for him to see.

"I didn't know" is the poorest reason of all. If we don't know how to do a job safely and we continue to do it we are plainly and brutally careless. Not only with our own safety but with the safety of anyone else who may be injured through our ignorance.—Delco Doings.

## SAFETY SHOES SAVE FOOT

Today Carl Maurer has a bruised foot which is a little sore to walk on, but he has a foot. Had it not been for the safety shoes Carl was wearing on Saturday morning, October 12, he would be in the hospital today with his toes, if not the whole foot, amputated. Members of Ed Stille's Maintenance Department were loading a huge drill press for shipment to Chattanooga. The machine had been placed on steel rollers for moving, when in some unexplainable manner (accidents are never explainable) Carl got his foot in front of the roller. The roller, bearing the weight of this ten ton machine, went up over the cap of Carl's safety shoe and back part way on his foot. The safety cap protected the toes, and although the foot was considerably bruised, the toes were unhurt.

Just one more example of where an investment of a few dollars in safety shoes proved to be worth hundreds of dollars in life time suffering.

**Frowsy Gent:** This liquor won't cause any damage to my eyes, will it?

**Husky Bartender:** Not if you've got the money to pay for it!

## PROVED TO BE PETE



Here we have a photograph of C. C. Roarick, tool engineer, but for a moment we were puzzled in identifying the gentleman with his back "to the audience." Suddenly we experienced an flicker of intelligence and exclaimed: "Ye Gods the figure with back to audience has certain undeniable 'ear marks'—its Pete Duncan." Then we looked at another photograph, previously unobserved, and found we were right—photo to right proves it.

But Pete has a good alibi. Says he: "Walt Bowan is making a big splurge as a photographer. Suggest that he learn to get the subject in correct focus if he does not want to become defendant in a libel suit for heavy damages."

### All Up

The captain of an Atlantic liner approached a miserable looking young woman leaning over the railing.

"Waiting for the moon to come up?" he asked good naturedly.

"Oh, ye gods!" ejaculated the ill one: "has that got to come up, too?"

—Typing Tips.

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bum. There's too many people with an alibi—I'd sooner listen to a big lie. As soon as folks quit hangin' crepe, you'll see business comin' in better shape.

"I've got no use for golf as a game, but I speak the language just the same. There's too many drives, an' too many putts; plenty cold feet, and not enough shots. You ain't my son but if you was mine, I'd mighty quick teach you not to whine."

He wasn't cultured, and his words were tough; but the old boy seemed to know his stuff.

—From Friendly Cheer

## DEATHS

### Robert V. Harvey

Robert V. Harvey, age 19, private first class of the Eighth Signal Corps Company, was accidentally electrocuted while in army service at Fort Lawton, Washington, Friday, March 7. Robert had been a polisher with the Mueller Co. from September 1939 until his resignation July 1, 1940, to enlist in the signal corp. He left Decatur on July 5.

His only relatives are a sister, Mrs. Margaret Edwards, and a brother, William, both of Decatur. Robert was born April 9, 1921.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday in the Moran chapel, with burial in Fairlawn cemetery.

### Linn Fisher

Linn Fisher, age 43, who worked in the Sales Department from 1917 to 1920, died February 27 in Vandalia. He had been seriously ill since January 1. He was a member of the American Legion and of the first Boy Scout Troop organized in Decatur.

### William Henry Watkins

William Henry Watkins, age 41, brother of Ernest Watkins of Plant 2, was fatally injured when the automobile he was driving crashed into a tree near Pana on February 28.

He was an employee of the Staley Co., and had been a molder at the Mueller Iron Foundry from 1924 to 1929.

Funeral services were held at 1 P.M. Tuesday at the Dawson and Wikoff chapel with burial at Graceland.

### Frank E. Sailsbery

Frank E. Sailsbery, 62, brother of Ray Sailsbery of Dept. 8, died March 13 in his home near Stonington. Born west of Ston-

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**BIRTHS**

**CURRY**—Mr. and Mrs. John Curry, a son, Raymond Arthur, February 26. John is in the Machine Department of the Plumbing Division.

**WALTON**—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walton, a son, Kenneth Monroe, born March 3. Floyd works in the brass foundry.

**MATHES**—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mathes, a son, Ronald Leroy, February 20. This is the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Mathes, the first being William Howard, Jr., age one year. William, Sr. works in the Grinding Room of the Brass Foundry.

**MASON**—Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Mason, a daughter, Lola Lee, February 7. She is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hoy. Mr. Hoy works in Dept. 63.

**PIPPIN**—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pippin, of Manhattan, Kansas, a son, Clarence Allan, March 2. He is the first grandchild of Marion Pippin, Foreman of the Heat Treating Department.

**REHFELT**—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rehfelt, a son, John Howard, February 19. The mother is the former Betty Blankenship daughter of Howard Blankenship, Dept. 9.

**BRETT**—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brett, a son, Richard David, March 4. Richard works in Dept. 6.

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ington in 1878, Mr. Sailsbery passed all but 15 years of his life in Stonington township, and for the last 20 years had lived on the farm where he died.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Lee F. Sailsbery of Edinburg and Mrs. Louise Boyer, two grand children, and seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday in the Stonington Methodist church, with burial in the Old Stonington cemetery.

**Johanna Tertocha**

Mrs. Johanna Tertocha, 84, mother of Henry Tertocha of Dept. 8, died March 13 in her home, 1463 E. Marietta street. She had been ill since November 16.

Mrs. Tertocha came to Decatur from Germany and married Gottlieb Tertocha, who died 17 years ago. She leaves two daughters, five sons, 30 grand-children, and 17 great grand-children.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Saturday in the family residence and at 2:30 P.M. in St. Johannes church, with burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

**On the Bounce**

"Now I see that rubber glass is a new chemical sensation."

"Yes, and I'm looking forward to watching the cook catch a pitcher of water on the second bounce."

**GUESS WHO?**



The cute little lady whose picture we ran last month and asked you to guess her identity was Edna Johnston of the Traffic Department.

Now we have another to guess—a little boy who no doubt will be surprised to see this picture. This little boy is now a fine young man, who has appeared in the Record pages before, frequently in connection with athletic news, and most recently as a suggestion prize winner. His hair is most decidedly—better not tell that, it's too obvious a clue.

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bye." And the people replied: "Good-bye, Abe."

In November 1842, Lincoln married Mary Todd, a talented Kentucky girl, then visiting in Springfield, she was supposed to have exerted a powerful influence over him.

Lincoln thoroughly loved his wife. Mrs. Lincoln had difficulty in keeping a hired girl on account of her temper.

There were four children born to the Lincoln family, Abraham, Edward, William W. and Thomas "Tad" Lincoln. The oldest died at the age of four years. The father would take the boys out walking into the country and explain things to them.

The State convention, in the City of Bloomington on May 29th, 1856, effected greater results than any other ever held in the State. On page 108 of the Publication No. 10 of the Historical Library of Illinois, 1905, we selected the following excerpts: "Mr. Lincoln appeared before the Convention as the last speaker. There had been wild talk about people going to Kansas with Scharp's rifle with which to settle the contention there in issue. He began most gently with a rebuke for such appeals to violence. He said, "No, my friends, I'll tell you what we will do. We will wait until November and then we will shoot paper ballots at them." He closed this part of the speech with these remarkable words

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## ITEMS FOR SALE

**Brooms For Sale**—Made by the blind at factory in Tuscola. Handled by Mrs. Charles Riley, 1111 N. Monroe. Phone 2-5146.

**Roller Skates**: These are almost new, 10 degree rink skates with rollers in perfect condition. Will sell extremely reasonable. Size 5. W. C. Hays. 851 W. Packard St.

**For Sale**: A practically new baby crib, only used three months. Complete with springs and mattress in excellent condition. Price \$5. See Mrs. Overfield, Cafeteria.

**For Sale**: Genuine Plymouth Hot Water Heater with hose and switch. Can be used on any car. Guaranteed not to leak. New cost \$11.25. Will sell for \$3.00. 956 West Olive street. Phone 8315

**For Sale**: Montgomery Ward Gasoline Iron. \$3.00. John Maxwell. R. R. 7, ¾ mile east of Antioch.

**For Sale**: New lumber, dimension hard lumber of standard sizes, fencing boards. 1" x 6" and 1" by varied widths. \$25 a thousand feet delivered. Lynn Huntsburger, Dept. 9.

**For Sale**: Pine kindling, cut and split stove length. \$2.50 load delivered. See Harold Mohr, Dept. 63.

**For Sale**: Tender Baby Golden Popcorn. Kept under sanitary conditions. Guaranteed to pop. 10 lbs. for 50c, 20 lbs. for \$1. George L. Hunt, No. 6007, Brass Foundry.

**For Sale**: Two 9'x12' rugs. Good condition. 425 S. Fairview. Phone 6358.

**For Sale**: Western Field 22 Repeating Rifle. Will shoot short-long, or long rifle shells. \$12.50. See Clark Curry, Dept. 8, or 1615 N. Water Street.

**For Sale**: Yellow Pop Corn—7c per pound. Roy Pease, Harristown Telephone 296.

**For Sale**: 1941 Model Remington Portable Typewriter. Used only two weeks. Will sacrifice for \$40. See Al May. Dept. 300.

**For Sale**: 1932 Plymouth Convertible Coupe. Good Condition. Kimball Upright Piano. Good playing condition. Price \$15. See Glenn Miller, Foundry Office, or call at 2600 N. Union Street.

**For Sale**: 5 Room all modern house, garage, full lot. Full size concrete basement, new Holland furnace. Large screened in back porch. Five blocks from factory. 1029 West Green. See W. S. Enloe.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

**For Sale**: 50 pound top icer box. Call at 2097 E. Lawrence. Will sell for \$3.00.

## WANTED

**Wanted**: Wall paper to clean. Reasonable price and work guaranteed. Claude Sacey. 1042 N. Union, Phone 9115.

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"We won't go out of the Union and you shan't."

Until this convention Mr. Lincoln was little known in many parts of the State, as his law practise and political speeches had been confined to the central counties mostly.

No stenographic report or otherwise was made of this speech or of any other delivered before the convention. It has been called the "lost speech" but though lost to posterity, it was far from being lost upon his then hearers.

Lincoln the man of destiny for he retired from the convention, the acknowledged leader of the new party in Illinois. According to the resolution of the Congress on the 22nd day of September, 1862, President Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation, that on Jan. 1, 1863, all persons held as slaves shall be thence forth and forever free, ratified by Constitution Dec. 18, 1865. Lincoln was 6 ft. 4 inches in height, with long limbs, dark complexion, high forehead, deepest gray eyes. He was wiry and strong, mild and patient, fair and direct in speech and action steadfast in principle, sympathetic and charitable. A man of strict morality his life was devoted to the good of his fellowmen.

Abraham Lincoln's outstanding characteristics consisted in his unyielding honesty, his unquenchable thirst for knowledge, his broad and deep knowledge of common sense, his irresistible pursuit to improve and better his own condition in life, his indomitable courage to espouse a cause which he considered right, his fearless determination to accomplish what he undertook, his exemplary life in refusing to join in the revelry of youth, his uniform sympathy for the poor and unfortunate, his delicate sense of opposing others who did not agree with him, with the kindest and most convincing words, his untiring devotion to the work before him, his innate wit and humor.

Hostess (gushingly): "You know, I've heard a great deal about you."

Prominent Politician (absently): "Probably, but you can't prove anything."

—Exch.